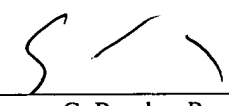
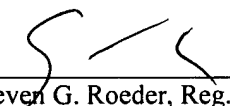




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Application Serial Number:	Filing Date:	Examiner:	Group Art Unit:			
10/767,628	January 28, 2004	Kevin C. Gutierrez	2851			
Invention: STAGE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A REACTION ASSEMBLY HAVING A CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY						
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is a Response to Final Office Action in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	55	MINUS	55		\$50	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4		\$200	\$0
<u>X</u> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <u>X</u> one month (\$120) ___ three months (\$1,020) ___ two months (\$450) ___ four months (\$1,590)						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$120
<u>X</u> The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.						
<u>X</u> Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.						
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Response is to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 9, 2006. The Applicant submits that this response should be considered after final because the response puts the application in condition for allowance:

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